

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 27, 2009

TIME The meeting convened at 7:01 P.M.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Moore, Commissioners Berger, Fort, Longley-Cook and Krongold.

ABSENT Commissioner Kirola

MINUTES

The March 23, 2009 minutes were approved with corrections.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written communications.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair (Commissioner Krongold):

Secretary Akil informed the CDI that an off-agenda memo was sent to the City Council regarding the Special Needs-Special Services Resource Fair and a letter was sent to the Mayor requesting a fee-waiver for use of the O'Club.

Commissioner Krongold asked what is the process for approval of the fee waiver to which Secretary Akil stated the Mayor will respond to the request via letter and suggested that Chair Lord-Hausman follow up with the Mayor's Secretary.

Commissioner Krongold distributed the draft registration form and letter which will be mailed to the list of participants proposed by the CDI. The CDI made some minor changes to the draft documents. Secretary Akil agreed to place the City Seal on the letter and provide copying and distribution services for the CDI. The actual mailing will be done by the CDI and workgroup.

Commissioner Berger discussed some accessibility and shuttle concerns regarding the O'Club site at Alameda Point. She stated that all shuttle services should be available at both the east and west end, and near a bus stop. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the shuttle stops should include Harbor Bay, Towne Centre, Mastick and either Independence Plaza or Mariner Square for the west end stop. Chair Lord-Hausman requested that Commissioner Krongold check with

Jackie Krause, Mastick Senior Center, regarding suggested shuttle locations.

Commissioner Krongold stated that the next workgroup meeting is May 11 and requested that the notice of the Fair be placed on the City's webpage under "Upcoming Events."

2. Commission Disability Internet Webpage (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil):

This item is on hold due to on-going funding and budgeting issues.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

There was no staff communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Berger informed the CDI that her term is expiring on June 30th and that she will not renew. She suggested that the CDI could go back to meeting at 6:30 P.M. and that the CDI should also consider a name change to Commission on Accessibility Issues.

Commissioner Krongold responded that the word disability should stay in the name. Secretary Akil stated that the Bylaws reference the word disability throughout that document which would require review if the Commission name was changed.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she met an able-bodied individual who was not comfortable with the word disability because she was not disabled and the term makes her think that she would not be qualified to apply for the Commission. Chair Lord-Hausman requested that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

2. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she did not attend the PAPCO meeting.
3. Chair Lord-Hausman asked if the CDI should invite Art Kurrasch, Chair of the Housing Commission to a CDI meeting to discuss ways the CDI and Housing Commission could work together, to which the CDI agreed. Chair Lord-Hausman will follow up with Mr. Kurrasch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary